GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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ANTI-DEFECTION LAW
ALE NARENDRA

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Anti Defection Law to meet the present political situation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AN MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHR JAITLEY)

(a) to (c) : The Government is aware of shortcomings in the Anti-defection Law. Proposals relating to amendment of the law were accordingly included in the agenda for the meeting of political parties held on the 22nd May, 1998 but the discussion on the issue was deferred. In case, a consensus emerges amongst political parties on amendments to be made in the law, the Government would consider bringing a Bill for giving effect to the proposals.